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Uproar Over ‘Apeel’ Food Coating Sheds Light on Big Ag’s Capture of Organic Food Agencies

After controversy surrounding Apeel — a Gates-funded synthetic fungicide and fruit coating — sparked concern over how chemicals are approved in organic products, agribusiness watchdog OrganicEye this week demanded the U.S. Department of Agriculture break Big Food’s stranglehold on the process for approving certified organic foods.

By **Brenda Baletti, Ph.D.**

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Agribusiness watchdog OrganicEye this week petitioned the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to establish formal regulatory oversight for the public and private organizations that determine what products can be labeled organic.

The request comes after a recent social media controversy surrounding a Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation-funded synthetic fungicide and fruit coating — Apeel — sparked public debate about potentially dangerous synthetic products and herbicides that make it into the food system under the “organic” label.

“The conflicts of interest in this process are mind-boggling,” said Mark Kastel, executive director of Wisconsin-based OrganicEye. “It’s time for the USDA to change direction to comply with the intent of Congress and save the value of the organic label for ethical farmers and their loyal customers.”

Since Congress created the National Organic Standards Board (NOSB) in the 1990s to recommend industry standards for regulating organic food production and processing under the National Organic Program, the board increasingly has become dominated by members of the Organic Trade Association (OTA), the most powerful industry lobbying group, Kastel told The Defender.

Once the industry-dominated NOSB recommends guidelines for approving products for use in the organic production process, a different organization — an industry-led and funded nonprofit, the Organic Materials Review Institute (OMRI) — is responsible for reviewing newly branded and formulated food ingredients and agricultural inputs containing those products.

OMRI, which gets most of its funding from the fees it collects from the corporations applying for product approval, is responsible for approving products like Apeel’s organic line, Organipeel, for public consumption.

Along with its letter to the USDA demanding regulatory reform, OrganicEye launched a public campaign to pressure the Biden administration to reduce its dependence on political appointees from corporate agribusiness in organic regulatory oversight.

“Over the last 20 years I’ve learned these people only react to pressure — public pressure, political and media pressure,” Kastel told The Defender. “They don’t do the right thing because it’s the right thing. They do the right thing in damage control.”

Organic agencies captured by Big Ag

The existing regulatory structure grew out of the need in the 1980s to standardize how organic food was produced in order to protect farmers and consumers, Kastel said.

In 1990, Congress passed the Organic Foods Production Act, which, among other things, created the NOSB to serve as a buffer organization between corporate lobbyists and rulemakers.

The NOSB was designed as a public-private partnership — a 15-member panel with dedicated seats for different stakeholders — that set recommendations for different aspects of the organic industry with a mandate to act in the interests of farmers and consumers.

But under the leadership of Tom Vilsack, secretary of agriculture during the Obama administration and a former million-dollar-a-year agribusiness lobbyist, the USDA began filling seats originally meant for farmers with agribusiness employees.

Today, 80% of the NOSB members are either members of the OTA lobbying group or they work for members of the group, according to research by OrganicEye.

Under Vilsack, the NOSB also was stripped of its ability to set its own agenda. It’s supposed to work independently, but as small organic farmers have been bought up by large conventional ag conglomerates, the corporate dominance over the NOSB also has grown and organic standards have been watered down to benefit the largest of these corporate “organic” producers, Mercola reported.

Kastel also told The Defender that because the organic industry is heavily dominated by Big Food giants such as General Mills or Perdue Farms, whose primary market is conventional food — rather than by small producers concerned with ecology — there is a constant pressure to “try to change the working definition of organic.”

Their goal, he said, is to make organic agriculture, “as close to conventional agriculture as possible so they have to change their practices of growing food or processing food as little as possible.”

It’s in that spirit that today, the corporate-dominated NOSB creates standards for organic production, Kastel said.

When companies create new inputs or products containing NOSB-approved ingredients to sell to organic producers and consumers, a certifying agent or Material Review Organization (MRO) must verify the product complies with the organic regulations set by the NOSB or relevant laws.

OMRI is one of the key MROs.

For example, a company like Apeel, whose Organipeel contains citric acid — which is on the NOSB list of approved products — as an active ingredient, would submit its product to OMRI for approval and pay OMRI a fee for the approval process.

According to OMRI’s most recent IRS filings, the nonprofit organization, which operates as a public charity, exceeded $7 million in revenue last year, which came mostly from industry fees, OrganicEye reported.

It also reported that OMRI’s current executive director previously ran the nation’s largest accredited organic certifier, California Certified Organic Farmers (CCOF), one of the largest members and corporate donors to the OTA. And it reserves a seat on its board for a designee of the trade-lobby group.

“But,” Kastel said, “what’s most concerning is that they operate without any oversight.”

MROs are not accredited by the USDA or any other certifying agency and there is no regulation under the National Organic Program.

Kastel said:

> “With leadership dominated by the fertilizer manufacturers, agribusiness staffers and certifiers that financially support OMRI, this is a smorgasbord of conflicts of interest. The same conflicts exist with certifiers being paid by farmers and food processors but the accreditation/oversight of their practices by the USDA, if judiciously applied as mandated by Congress, helps ameliorate the impact. No such scrutiny exists for MROs.”

OMRI approved Apeel’s Organipeel

Apeel, a company that makes synthetic fungicide/fruit coating meant to extend the shelf-life of food — and which was founded by World Economic Forum (WEF) Young Global Leader 2020 James Rogers with funding from the Gates Foundation — was confused online with a cleaning product by the same name.

A safety data sheet for the cleaning product went viral on social media, where users referenced its list of toxic ingredients to warn that Bill Gates was coating fruit with a dangerous chemical.

In fact, Apeel was not coating food with the dangerous chemicals found in the cleaning product. But the controversy drew public attention to the fact that most fruits and vegetables sold in the supermarket are covered with an edible film the the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) calls “surface-finishing agents.”

These agents are meant to “increase palatability, preserve gloss, and inhibit discoloration of foods, including glazes, polishes, waxes, and protective coatings,” according to the Code of Federal Regulations.

Over time, these coatings have become more complex than the traditional, organic beeswax used in the past, according to OrganicEye’s white paper on food coatings.

The Apeel company produces two products — Edipeel for use in conventional food and Organipeel for use in organics — but it is moving away from that distinction in its marketing, instead using only its brand name, “Apeel.”

Apeel advertises:

> “Yes! We have formulations that are OMRI Listed® for the growers and distributors of USDA Certified Organic produce. Apeel’s products help reduce post-harvest food waste, overpackaging, and costly controlled-atmosphere storage.”

But OrganicEye says this is a form of deceptive marketing because OMRI does not actually include fruit coatings or edible films on its approved products list. The “organic” version of Apeel actually coats the fruit in a citric-acid-based coating licensed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as a fungicide.

OMRI gave Organipeel the green light, likely because citric acid is the active ingredient in the fungicide coating. Citric acid is a non-organic ingredient allowed in organic food as long as it isn’t synthetic. However, it makes up only 0.66% of the Organipeel formulation. According to OrganicEye’s white paper, Organipeel’s ingredient list is 99.34% “other ingredients,” which are not made public.

Apeel describes its non-organic food coating, Edipeel, as a colorless, odorless, tasteless coating for fruit and vegetables that’s composed entirely of a mixture of food-grade glycerolipids, derived from edible plant oils.

Its ingredients are generally recognized as safe (GRAS) by the FDA.

But the product contains mono- and diglycerides, commonly used in processed foods, which has raised concerns among health advocates and researchers who called for further research into the potential adverse effects on metabolic and gut health.

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Simons 7 months ago

Can't be organic if it is coated with anything synthetic or is otherwise altered from its natural state.

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Isthisthingon → Simons 7 months ago

Well, that was the original intention...there are far too many "hybridized" plants which we don't really know what was done to them in the lab, and "allowable pesticides, etc." now...it is a better choice to buy the store brand Organic product, but you have to know it isn't truly Organic, and you still need to wash all produce with a veggie cleaner-Ocean Robbins recommends baking soda as a more effective remover of contaminants....

Natural Grocers is a good choice, although, I'm seeing some produce creeping in coming from farms that are known to use "approved chemicals". Then you have to realize if the farm uses Leaded Gasoline in their equipment, then the farm is contaminated with Lead!, even though the products are labeled Organic. Making broth from chickens or other animals from a farm that uses lead is a bad idea as the lead is concentrated in their fat and bones! As well as the Synthetic Arsenic debacle in rice, where Brown Rice can be far more contaminated as its hull traps the poison-from my understanding...and everyone got all up in arms over it, especially since Organic Baby Food was seriously contaminated, and then nothing really changed!

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Better World → Isthisthingon 7 months ago

Yes, we are all going to sicken and die if we don't do the necessary with the Sick System. See here for a possibility of rescuing ourselves and the Planet from all these deadly, life-destroying toxins! http://pppway.net/#Vision I HOPE CHD does not censor this comment or site.

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Better World → Better World 7 months ago

Thank you CHD and Brenda Baletti, the author! If anyone resonates with the Vision, including you Brenda, LET'S GET TOGETHER and make a head of the spear FOR OUR RESCUE. (Contact site.)

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SuziAlkamyst → Isthisthingon 8 days ago

Oh! Yes! Yes! Yes!

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Ricky Ricardo → Simons 7 months ago

These Luciferians hate all things natural. They love, fake, synthetic, unnatural, artificial - and they're trying to destroy all things natural!

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rachel goodkind → Ricky Ricardo 4 months ago

Yes, exactly. These beings are not human as you are aware.
It is also doing everything the opposite of what "God" wants,
(whether you are religious or not) inverting/reversing everything.

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BChristine 7 months ago edited

I signed a petition against the use of these toxic fruit "extenders", and just received a response from one of the companies said to be using it:

We appreciate your inquiry in regard to Starr Ranch’s use of Apeel products. Contrary to statements made on social media, none of Starr Ranch’s currently available apples are treated with Apeel or Organipeel.
We used Apeel/Organipeel on a two-year trial basis with some of our organic apples. For reasons unrelated to food safety, we discontinued its use at the packing conclusion of the 2021 crop.

I hope all these companies refuse to use these; but especially for food safety reasons.

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Isthisthingon → BChristine 7 months ago

OMG, who were the unsuspecting guinea pigs who ate these apples?

Fungicide coating is being pushed on us to directly Kill our Microbiomes/Gut Flora! This is why the push to infiltrate the Organic Label! The new documentary from Louie Schwartzberg, Fantastic Fungi, lays out how we humans are intrinsically connected to the Fungal World! We need Fungi to live!

This poisonous coating can't possibly be about limiting food waste as the amount of food farmers let rot as it isn't "perfect", is grotesque!

We needn't look any further than the assault on Honeybees to know these perps don't give a blank about preserving the Food System and our access to it! If so, 90%+of all caustic/toxic chemicals would be removed from our lives!

Pesticide coated seeds anyone. Most flowers and plant starts are contaminated right from the seed, and then people unsuspectingly buy these chemical laced/gmo plants/seeds to put in their yards for beauty, food and to attract wildlife, and are then part of the problem of harming the wildlife and themselves...if I were to come to a conclusion about our so-called protective

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Molly Pitcher → Isthisthingon 7 months ago

WE ARE THE GUINEA PIGS, AND YOUR BABIES, he's also has a Baby Formula Plant Based investment in 2020, in Nov 2021 Abbott was producing at 43%. WHY DO FORMULA FED INFANTS NEED NEXIUM? ASK THAT QUESTION OF YOUR PEDITRICIAN. WHO WANTS A FULL YEAR OF IT. Breastfed are healthier as they get the first milk COLUSTRUM which kick starts their immune system. Why are healthy newborns given Heb B shots, Test the parents first, it is a promiscuous usually people who have sex with any gender, sex/drug issue.

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Polly Green → Molly Pitcher 7 months ago

You can be certain that anything funded by the Gates pair is poison. This evil duo are so anti-human that when they burp dust comes out. May God strike them down and save us!

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Ricky Ricardo → Molly Pitcher 7 months ago edited

"Why are healthy newborns given Heb B shots"...Same with everything from Big Pharma - They either end up being **Customers For Life** - or dead!

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ME MCC → Molly Pitcher 7 months ago

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Fran Maykuth-Szymanek → Molly Pitcher 12 days ago

Amen!!!!!!!!!

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Ricky Ricardo → Isthisthingon 7 months ago

Speaking of billy boy; does an evil business exist that billy boy isn't invested in?
https://croplife.org/news/b...
Canada produces 2 GMO apples (probably more by now). Read the paragraph in this PDF, under the heading: SOLD IN CANADA: FOODSERVICE 2019-2020. They don't feel the need to label GMO's!
https://cban.ca/wp-content/...

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Deirdre I Hobson → Isthisthingon 7 months ago

it is par for the course . in a large number of areas of life.

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rachel goodkind → BChristine 4 months ago

Thank you. However nicely they discontinued it, THEY WERE TEST-USING IT ON APPLES WITHOUT CONSUMERS BEING INFORMED. So, they allowed consumers to buy apples and be the test dummies.

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Fran Maykuth-Szymanek → rachel goodkind 12 days ago

Disgusting. So horrific what happens to our food. Are we all that expendable? Does money and profit ruin everything on this planet? I am 73 years old and totally petrified for the future of our children and grandchildren with the unregulated food industry and insane amount of vaccines the little ones now get. I cry and I pray for the future of mankind.

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gorgegirl999 7 months ago

This gates product is BS, actually raw BS would most likely be safer, since we have zero idea what is in the 99.4 % of the ingredients.
I hate BG and everyone in that evil little group

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Tom Bernard 7 months ago

If Bill Gates is involved it's intended to cause suffering and death... or are we to believe he's repented and given up his murderous ways?

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Jjule → Tom Bernard 7 months ago

Gates, like his father is a psychopath eugenics monster.

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BarbaraCharis 7 months ago

Big AG the 4 letter USDA agency...gotta go! Just like all the other three letter, money-draining, slf-serving, bureaucratic...no good for nothing agencies, too

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Deirdre I Hobson → BarbaraCharis 7 months ago

its called MEDIOCRITY and that is a result of the bastardisation of many of the school, Uni courses and corrujption and so manu other negatives. and many years of this "approach"

We have a wonderful opportunity to get it right, this needs every individual to be involved.

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BarbaraCharis → Deirdre I Hobson 7 months ago

Play it forward! Send info to your email list and tell them to forward it.. I am very leery of the organic label...Big Brother is not watching out for us. The bureaucrats who are heading all the agenice aren't there for the people who are paying their salaries; it isn't enough! Our country really has gone down ultra fast in the last 60 years.
"When shall all men's good, be each man's rule???..." Alfred Lord Tennyson

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Fran Maykuth-Szymanek → BarbaraCharis 12 days ago

Yes, everyone educate your family and friends. WRITE YOUR Congressmen and women. I do so monthly. RFK Jr. is doing a great job uncovering these atrocities. But he may never make it onto the ballot in 2024. People need to wake up and educate themselves!!!

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dephyant 7 months ago

The only way to be safe is to grow your own - That's what I dedicate my un-working life to these days. Truly organic no Gates interference! Time to tap out with your dollars.

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Paige Woodruff 7 months ago

There's a solution: pull our dependence on the organic label out of our decision-making process and look for 3rd party certifications that are smaller, but growing, such as Certified Naturally Grown. I've noticed with local produce (whilst living in different areas) there are often local certifications that don't cost the farmer an arm and a leg and are very reliable. These are the people preserving the integrity of our food. Support your local farmers!

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Polly Green → Paige Woodruff 7 months ago

That’s a great point Paige. Go to the Farmers Markets and talk to the vendors. Caveat emptor applies of course. When I lived in northern Virginia I often saw people selling veg and fruit as “organic” that was obviously purchased from the huge Asian supermarkets! But here in semi-rural Tennessee the farmers will actually go to the markets on Saturday mornings (or more typically send a teenaged son or daughter) to sell some of the harvest. Ask them if you can purchase direct from the farm, where else they sell. Get to know them. If we don’t sustain those who grow what we cannot, we are at the mercy of these monstrous forces who seek to cull us and enslave the survivors.

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Route 66 West → Polly Green 7 months ago

Yes! I go to a Farmer's Market in Orange County CA where I'm purchasing directly from the farmers. Two that I talk to and buy from don't advertise their products as organic because of the BS regulatory process here. Their products are fresh-picked and excellent.

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Fran Maykuth-Szymanek → Paige Woodruff 12 days ago

Amen to that! I do support my local farmers here in Buckingham, PA.

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BarbaraCharis 7 months ago

Failed to mention, I recently did a substack: No appeal: APEEL FOOD COATING with all the toxic ingredients in this non-organic product.

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seekrengr 7 months ago

Ooops. Citric acid is absolutely an organic ingredient found in citrus fruits, although most today is produced by biological fermentation (organically-produced, which is why it is allowed on the National List). Suggest you focus instead on finding out what those "other" ingredients in Apeel's coating are. Not every "food-grade" glycerolipid derived from plant oils is necessarily good for food, as concentration matters. "GRAS" doesn't guarantee anything.

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BChristine → seekrengr 7 months ago

Yes, exactly. And GRAS - "generally recognized as safe" is a joke. The term is lame and meaningless, and I try to stay away from anything that falls under that "label".

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S. Irby → seekrengr 7 months ago

Tip of the iceberg... ABSTRACT: Citric acid naturally exists in fruits and vegetables. However, it is not the naturally occurring citric acid, but the manufactured citric acid (MCA) that is used extensively as a food and beverage additive. Approximately 99% of the world’s production of MCA is carried out using the fungus Aspergillus niger since 1919. Aspergilus niger is a known allergen. The FDA placed MCA under the category of GRAS without any research to substantiate this claim. In 2016, 2.3 million tons of MCA were produced, predominantly in China, and approximately 70% is used as a food or beverage additive. There have been no scientific studies performed to evaluate the safety of MCA when ingested in substantial amounts and with chronic exposure. We present four case reports of patients with a history of significant and repetitive inflammatory reactions including respiratory symptoms, joint pain, irritable bowel symptoms, muscular pain and enervation following ingestion of foods, beverages or vitamins containing MCA. We believe that ingestion of the MCA may lead to a harmful inflammatory cascade which manifests differently in different individuals based on their genetic predisposition and susceptibility, and that the use of MCA as an additive in consumable products warrants further studies to document its safety.
https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.go...

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S. Irby → seekrengr 7 months ago

"Citric acid can be derived from multiple sources. Depending on the source – citrus fruits, mold, corn, etc. – citric acid can contain GMOs."
https://www.foodingredientf...

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irishtap 7 months ago

So folks, I guess being a human being whom desires to eat clean, nutritious food isn’t compatible with the profit motive of the large agricultural industry. We cannot expect help from agencies captured by industry, to advocate for us. We need to engage directly and with the righteous anger, we all feel. We have the right to eat CLEAN food for God’s sake!

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melinda gladstone 7 months ago

Only answer, grow your own food

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mcwinaz 7 months ago

Yeah, good luck with getting USDA to do anything after getting that petition. Haven't we already learned that these orgs KNOW that nothing will happen to them if they do NOTHING?

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tbran10 7 months ago

Same old saw! The fox is now in the hen house! Big Agra wins again! Same scenario with Big Pharma!

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Deirdre I Hobson → tbran10 7 months ago

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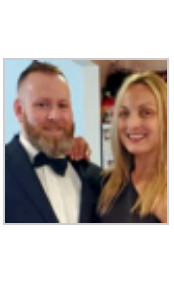
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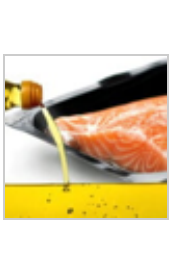
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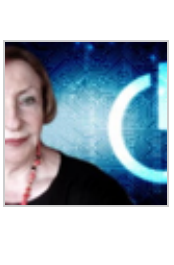
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Ricky Ricardo
7 months ago edited

Generally **R**ecognized **A**s **S**ickening!
I know all about the "citric acid" that they've been adding to the majority of products for the past few years. It is not from citrus fruit; which you might expect. It is from GMO corn/soy - like everything else!
I posted awhile ago that the oligarchical scum suckers are changing everything - words, phrases, definitions/meanings, rules/laws...We're already halfway into "The Great Reset"!

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JustAcat ➦ Ricky Ricardo
6 months ago

Right on point 100%. I learned about "citric acid," a few years ago when working with a Naturopath, after a diagnosis of microscopic colitis. So much poison in foods labeled "healthy." My grandmother was into "organic gardening" before it was ever a thing. She lived to be almost 93 years old. I wish I had the space and fortitude to have my own garden. I have fond memories of "helping" in her garden.

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Molly Pitcher
7 months ago

I shopped Friday, most of the produce was ready to be trashed, babanas had brown spots, mold in berry clam shells. It was that way in both Krogers and Walmart. If it can't be washed off, and you can't touch it, means you can't eat it or shouldent. This is for GATES CLIMATE CHANGE, WHICH IS ELIMINATING YOU!

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Kay Spencer
7 months ago

I recently purchased a tub if Kiwi fruit from Costco with the Peelz label. Hard as a rock & put outside in the sun, it never softened or decomposed at all. Hhmmm, something wrong here. Also strange yellowish color inside. BEWARE!

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rachel goodkind ➦ Kay Spencer
4 months ago

I have purchased organic kiwi's that took weeks to ripen.
And I do understand they pick them green.
I had trouble with buying avocado's for ten years. It did not matter if they were organic or not. About 1/3 of them were rotten inside. Now they are
polluted with apeel, I will not buy them anymore, peiod.

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WindStorm
7 months ago

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David Yuhas
7 months ago

"State Organic" as "Christian Kosher"

As Things have developed the "Organic" Label has come to mean nothing More than "Natural"...which, from the Beginning, to Those in Washington DC making the Rules, has never been More than a Marketing Gimmick.

Unlike the "Kosher" Label, over which WDC has Nothing to say, the Same would be the Case with "State Organic" which, for Consumers in any of the 50 States, would at least make Sense.

The Rules for "State Organic" would be simple...

"State Organic Beef & Dairy "would have to come from horned Criollo Cattle...being Pineywoods, Florida Cracker, Corriente, or Longhorn...Ayrshire, Highland, Devon or any Admixture.

"State Organic Cattle", moreover, would have to be slaughtered in the State in which they were raised.

"State Organic Pork" would have to come from Tamworth or Berkshire Swine

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JustAcat ➦ David Yuhas
6 months ago edited

Interesting web-page and contents. I'll have to take more time to read through it. What an interesting experiment this would be! You lost two commenter's below when you mentioned "The Democratic Party USA (Organic & Pureblood Wing)," simply by saying "Democrat." SMH

What a sad state of affairs, when Republican or Democrat is mentioned, and the division between our citizens ensues. I was raised in a Republican household, and first registered as such when I was old enough to vote. I was taught by my father, a career Army Officer, and have never voted a "straight ticket." I was instructed to spend time and research candidates, especially at the local level, where it seems more often than not our politicians see their place in our communities, as not much more than a stepping stone into Washington. They no longer "serve the people," but are after their own best interests, and pet projects filled with buzz words to entice an ignorant voting base. Our citizens often don't vote at a local level, which behoves me. Who do they think represents our states and how well we are living, and doing in our own back yard? I think people who vote a straight ticket are part of the reason this country is in the mess it's in. It's lazy, and has proven time and again to be unproductive in creating true change. It's neither here nor

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Nanette ➦ David Yuhas
7 months ago edited

"Democratic Party USA?" I used to be a Democrat, but left when they started pushing abortion. They are tied up with the World Economic Forum - Biden and his Build Back Better. He's pushing for irreversible trans surgery on kids and Covid shots for everyone. The southern border is open. I don't want anything to do with the Democratic Party.

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ME MCC ➦ David Yuhas
7 months ago

Think you lost the majority of us with THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY USA label.

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